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Dr. Baumgartner Guest Speaker at Nursing Commencement

About to take part in the 70th New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing Commencement; Dr. Leona Baumgartner, guest speaker, and Mr. Laurens MacLure, President of the Corporation, New England Deaconess Hospital, at John Hanock Hall.

Dr. Leona Baumgartner, Visiting Professor of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and Executive Director, the Medical Care and Education Foundation, was the guest speaker September 9, at the 70th New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing commencement, at John Hancock Hall.

Dr. Baumgartner, who was Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health for eight years, and who recently received the Hermann M. Biggs Award from the New York State Public Health Association, addressed the graduating class and guests on the topic, "The Necessity for Change."

Looking to the 1970's as the culmination of development in the health care system, Dr. Baumgartner spotlighted forces such as population growth, education and scientific advancement, that are the catalysts for progress and "make change necessary" in medicine, hospital administration and patient care.

Dr. Baumgartner emphasized the need for the health care system to keep up with and respond to the demands put upon it by a public with "rising expectations." She expressed her conviction that "you can have tender loving care in a computerized hospital," with doctors and nurses who will listen and care and be interested, through an updated, responsive and effective health care system.

Perspective: VIETNAM

By day it is serene and provincial — farm land in multi-colored greens; sampans on water, resting lightly under gently swaying palms, as lazy, plodding water buffalo plow rice paddies. By night, the quiet countryside erupts with a sudden shattering explosion. Children cry in terror and men lie drenched in blood. The steady barrage of artillery fire, intended to "harrass and interdict" the elusive Viet Cong, resounds through the still, rural night air. Sporadic flares light the countryside of Vietnam, the land of sobering contrast.

For two months, through the American Medical Association's Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam Program, Dr. Laurence Cloud, Cancer Training Unit, served at Vietnam's provincial hospital, Quang-ngai, providing medical care for Vietnamese civilians.

Dr. Cloud arrived in Saigon May 30, a volunteer for Vietnam in a program aimed at supplementing the shortage of Vietnamese civilian physicians. The imported medical assistance is a necessity. Out of approximately 1000 Vietnamese physicians estimated to be in-country, some 800 are in the army, leaving fewer than 200 medical men to deal with the daily civilian casualties. Medical teams sent from Germany, Spain, Iran, Australia, the Phillipines and America are part of the coordinated effort to fill the gap.

Placed by the Vietnamese government at the Quang-ngai Hospital in the provincial capital, Dr. Cloud spent his mornings supervising the Pediatrics ward and afternoons making the rounds of orphanages, refugee camps — housing people whose villages were destroyed — and local detention centers for Viet Cong suspects.

In this setting, where gunfire and explosions are a constant element in the otherwise tranquil countryside life, civilian casualties are consistantly high. Despite the fact that no major engagements occurred in the Province since the Tet offensive in January, a steady stream of 15 to 20 civilian casualties arrived every day. "Most of them were mortar and foot mine blast injuries that shattered bone and drove bits of clothing and dirt deep into the wounds." Even when the seasonal influx of typhoid and plague boosted the medical census, the percentage of surgical admissions never fell below 65%. Normally a 400-bed hospital, the patient census usually ran between 550 to 600. In addition, each patient generally had a member of the family along to care for him.

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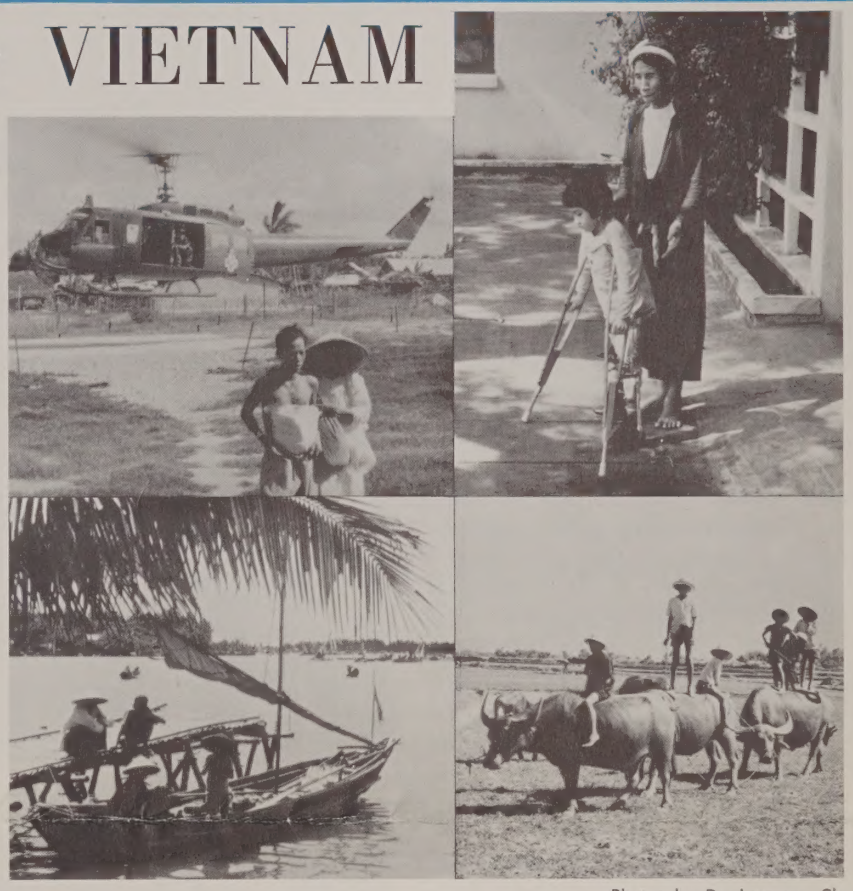


Photos by Dr. Laurence Cloud

Junior Summer Volunteers On —

A Space Odyssey

It was quite a change from their daily chores as volunteers at the Deaconess Hospital. There was no Coffee Shop detail to take part in, no Gift Shop in which to assist, and no Gift Cart to take around to patients throughout the Hospital.

Instead, for a full afternoon, this year's summer student volunteer group took part in an adventurous space trek, a simulated launching into the ultra-modern, computerized world of Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey," via Cinerama.

The teenage volunteers from the Greater Boston area, who donated over 3,000 hours to the Deaconess Hospital during the summer, were treated to an afternoon at the movies, August 28, in appreciation for their contribution of time.

Mrs. Irma A. Kellner, Director of Volunteers, arranged for the Hospital-sponsored afternoon at the movies. The young volunteers were provided with the theatre tickets and refreshments.

All summer volunteers received the American Hospital Association Certificate of appreciation. Those students who gave over 50 hours were awarded the teenage volunteer pin.

Top hour contributors were Dianne Pacella and Michael Gustin. Paul O'Sullivan and brother Richard were regulars at the Coffee Shop, and Jill Trugman, sister of Betty Trugman of the Business Office, joined the volunteer brigade.

Several of this summer's volunteers will be staying on as weekend workers throughout their school terms and many of them plan to return to the Deaconess during school vacations.

New ID Cards to be Issued to All Employees

A new system of Hospital employee identification, one that is recommended for all hospitals by the Massachusetts Hospital Association, will be put into effect toward the end of September.

Each employee will receive a plastic covered ID card, complete with color photograph. Departments will issue instructions regarding picture-taking time schedules. The new cards will require approximately two minutes to complete with the Polaroid equipment now available in the Hospital for this purpose.

Mr. William T. Gibson Retires

Mr. William T. Gibson and wife, Catherine, preside over the retirement party held in Mr. Gibson's honor.

Mr. William T. Gibson, the Chef in the Deaconess Dietary Department, a Hospital employee since May 1, 1936, was the guest, along with his wife Catherine, at a retirement party given in his honor August 16.

The retirement party, held in the conference rooms of the cafeteria, was attended by Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Vice President, Mr. Richard E. Lee, Director, Miss Charlotte L. Donaldson, Director of Dietary, Mr. Clayton W. Kenny, Assistant Director of Maintenance, and a number of employees from various departments throughout the Hospital.

Mr. Lee made a gift presentation to Mr. Gibson of a volume of the "Natural History Book of American Birds." The book is an appropriate gift for Mr. Gibson who has been breeding birds for over 32 years.

Mr. Arthur Buttrick, Dietary Department, presented Mr. Gibson with a check and a gift card from the entire Dietary Department with a wish that Mr. Gibson enjoy the "happiest and most wonderful retirement."

Mr. Gibson plans to "relax for a while, and not do too much at first," before getting himself started in various projects that will require his time.

Doctors doings

Dr. James A. Bougas, Active Staff, Thoracic Surgery, gave a lecture on "Cardiovascular Materials" in mid July, at the Conference on Biomedical Materials, University of Colorado Medical School, in conjunction with the University of Denver College of Engineering, Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Robert F. Bradley, Active Staff, Internal Medicine, is scheduled to present a paper at the Symposium on Diabetic Retinopathy, Warrenton, Virginia, held September 29 through October 1.

Dr. Robert D. Sullivan, Active Staff, Internal Medicine, took part in a panel discussion and lectured on Chemotherapy of Cancer, September 13, at the Tennessee Valley Medical Assembly. He recently addressed the Sixth National Cancer Conference in Denver, Colorado on the topic of "Ambulatory Arterial Infusion in the Treatment of Primary and Secondary Skin Cancer."

Dr. Robert E. Wise, Courtesy Staff, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, was Chairman of the Symposium on Diagnostic Radiology of the Liver, Biliary Tract, and Pancreas, September 13 and 14, at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts.

Diabetes Foundation Expands . . . . . Becomes Joslin Diabetes Foundation

The Diabetes Foundation, Inc., has become the Joslin Diabetes Foundation, Inc. after final action was taken at a meeting, September 10, of the Members of the Corporation. The Foundation will expand into four new divisions to provide larger segments of the population with care.

Joslin Clinic, headed by Dr. Robert F. Bradley, the Elliot P. Joslin Laboratory, headed by Dr. George F. Cahill, Jr., the Education Division, headed by Dr. Leo P. Krall, and the Camp, Home and Hospital Division, headed by Dr. Priscilla White, will comprise the new divisions.

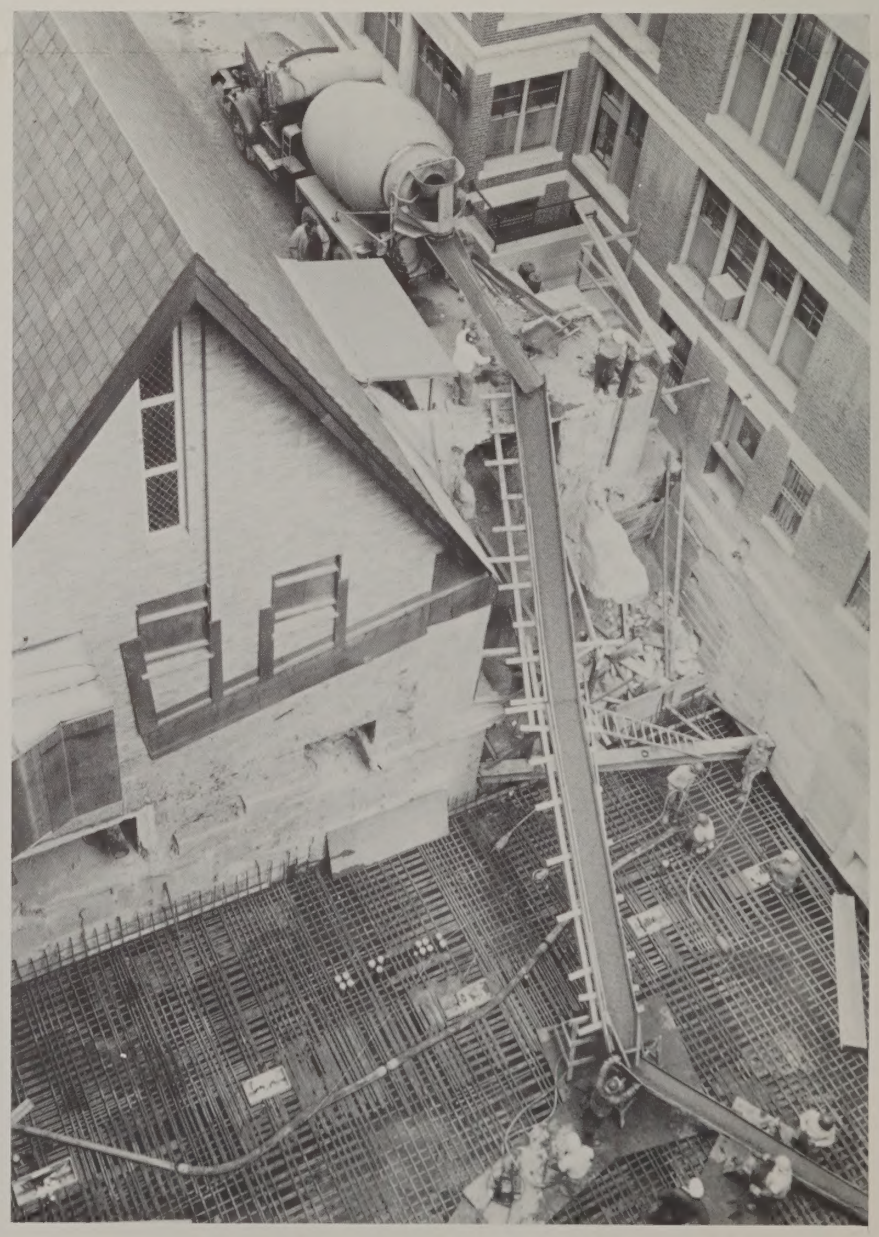
Dr. Alexander Marble, Foundation President, said the new divisions would increase patient care capacity and provide greater opportunity for participation in teaching activities in hospitals and medical schools.

Plans are underway for an addition to the present building, located at the corner of Pilgrim Road and Joslin Road. The new wing will be named in honor of the late Dr. Howard F. Root, who was formerly President of the Diabetes Foundation and Medical Director of the Joslin Clinic.

Construction News

THE BIG POUR

Shortly after the dawn's early light, on August 30, the Frank Briscoe Construction Company began the "big pour." Cascading down through long extension chutes, concrete, thick and grey, filled in the gaping courtyard excavation. Simultaneously, concrete was being pumped through hoses placed between the Chapel and the Central building. The operation continued until midnight, with workers directing over 800 tons of the concrete into the excavation and over the network of reinforcing rods laid to give support to the steel work that will rise out of the foundations.



TO TREASURE THROUGH THE YEARS . . .

Graduation exercises: with heads held high and faces tinged with the glow of achievement, the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1968, marched proudly down the aisles at John Hancock Hall to receive their diplomas.

It was the culmination of three rich years filled with hard work and study, the establishment of life-long friendships and experiences, and glimmering moments of anticipation for THE DAY to dawn.

The last months passed quickly. Commencement activities began May 3, with the Alumnae Association hosting the Senior Class evening at the "Boston Pops." On June 21, at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, graduates attended a reception given by the Student-Faculty Association. Prior to that, on June 19, a banquet was held. Then there was the Sundae Party, held by the School Faculty for the graduating seniors, with generous supplies of ice cream, syrups, and nuts and laughter.

The last week for the graduating nurses included an impressive pinning ceremony in the Deaconess Chapel and the solemn Baccalaureate Service held at the Daniel Marsh Chapel, Boston University.

All too quickly came the happy ending. On September 9, at 8:15 P.M., at John Hancock Hall, a processional of proud young women made their way into the hall, ready to receive their diplomas, and ready to take their rightfully earned places as professional practitioners in the field of nursing.

Taking part in the Commencement ceremony were Mr. Laurens MacLure, President of the Corporation, New England Deaconess Hospital; Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Vice President; Dr. Leona Baumgartner, Visiting Professor of Social Medicine, Harvard, the guest speaker; Dr. Morris Nicholson, Anesthesiologist, Deaconess Hospital, who extended greetings to the graduating class, and Miss Ellen Howland, Director of Nursing.

BACCALAUREATE: RECESSIONAL

BACCALAUREATE: THE CHOIR

FESTIVITIES: A BANQUET AND A PROM

SUNDAE PARTY, with all the trimmings, enjoyed by (left to right,) Miss Joan Randall, Sharon Lee Caruso, Miss Ellen Howland, Director of Nursing, Elizabeth Hall, Dara Lynn Young, Beverly Tennant Taylor, Nancy Ruth Parker, and Sharon Lee Mandeville.

PREPARING for the big moment on Graduation night, Nancy Tattersall Cole, far left, receives commencement bouquet from Miss Ellen Howland, Director of Nursing before joining class officers, right. Nancy, center, President of her class, and (left to right) Susan Johnson, Treasurer, Sara Ann Witham Costello, Secretary, and Diana Warburton McCarty, Vice President.

Profile: DAVID COLLERAN

One of the most familiar faces in the Hospital, David Colleran has been with the Deaconess for eight years now, and as an Administrative Service member, delivering mail throughout the hospital, he has come into contact with just about everyone.

David's affiliation with the Hospital began in January, 1960, when the advice of a school guidance counselor led him to join the staff.

Originally on the Messenger Service, David transferred to the mail room three years ago. Always cheerful, David enjoys his work, and as he says, "you meet a lot of interesting people on the job."

When not busy sorting doctor and patient mail and dividing and distributing departmental mail, David is generally attending a hockey or basketball game. He is a devoted Bruins and Celtics fan and is also a top bowler on the Hospital bowling team. David has won the bowling title three years in a row and recently took the high singles award. He plans to be as active as usual on the team this season.

David is a resident of Readville, Massachusetts.

Miss Adams Joins College of Hospital Administrators

Miss Ellen Adams, Assistant Director of the New England Deaconess Hospital, was admitted as a New Nominee in the American College of Hospital Administrators, September 15, at a convocation ceremony held in Convention Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The announcement was made by Mr. Donald W. Cordes, ACHA President, who presided at the professional society's 34th annual convocation.

The American College of Hospital Administrators is a professional society comprised of more than 7,000 leading hospital and health care administrative personnel in the United States and Canada.

Perspective: VIETNAM

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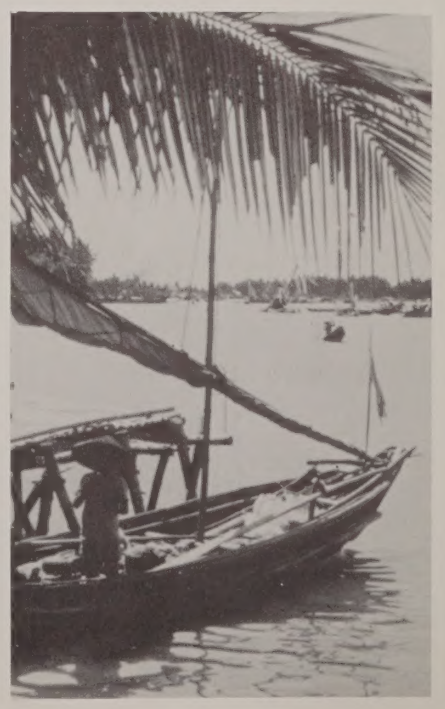
Under Vietnamese administration, the provincial hospital received all its supplies through American funds, and was staffed by six Vietnamese and three American doctors. Six American nurses supplemented the Vietnamese nursing staff.

Dr. Cloud described the operating room facilities at the hospital as "adequate," with medical supplies quite readily available through a well stocked warehouse provided for each provincial hospital by the United States government. A persistant problem was the leakage of these supplies into the open market. The dishonesty of the Vietnamese in charge of the warehouse was not a well kept secret.

Dr. Cloud returned to the United States the second week in August. He described the Vietnamese as essentially rural people, bearing the brunt of the war without knowledge of, or interest in its political implications.



Hospital Public Relations Association to Meet at the Deaconess

The New England Hospital Public Relations Association will hold an educational seminar jointly, at the New England Deaconess Hospital, Beth Israel Hospital and the Children's Hospital Medical Center, October 4.

Beginning at 9 A.M., the program will include lectures and workshops on Labor Relations, Public Relations Planning, Press Relations, Recruiting and the Public Relations Budget.

Mr. Evans F. Houghton, Public Relations Director for the Deaconess Hospital, will be one of the featured speakers during the day long program.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

NONFICTION

The Betrayal
William R. Corson. A Marine officer veteran of the Vietnam "pacification" program offers a solution to our dilemma.

The Biological Time Bomb
Gordon Rattray Taylor. A look at biological research with its legal, financial, moral, and emotional problems that must be solved.

For the Love of Money
James A. Knight, M.D. A psychiatrist's view of how money affects human behavior.

Gone
Rumer Godden. A collection of autobiographical sketches which inspired many of her previous works.

Or I'll Dress You in Mourning
Larry Collins and *Dominique Lapierre.* A vivid, authentic biography of Spain's most successful living bull-fighter, *El Cordobes.*

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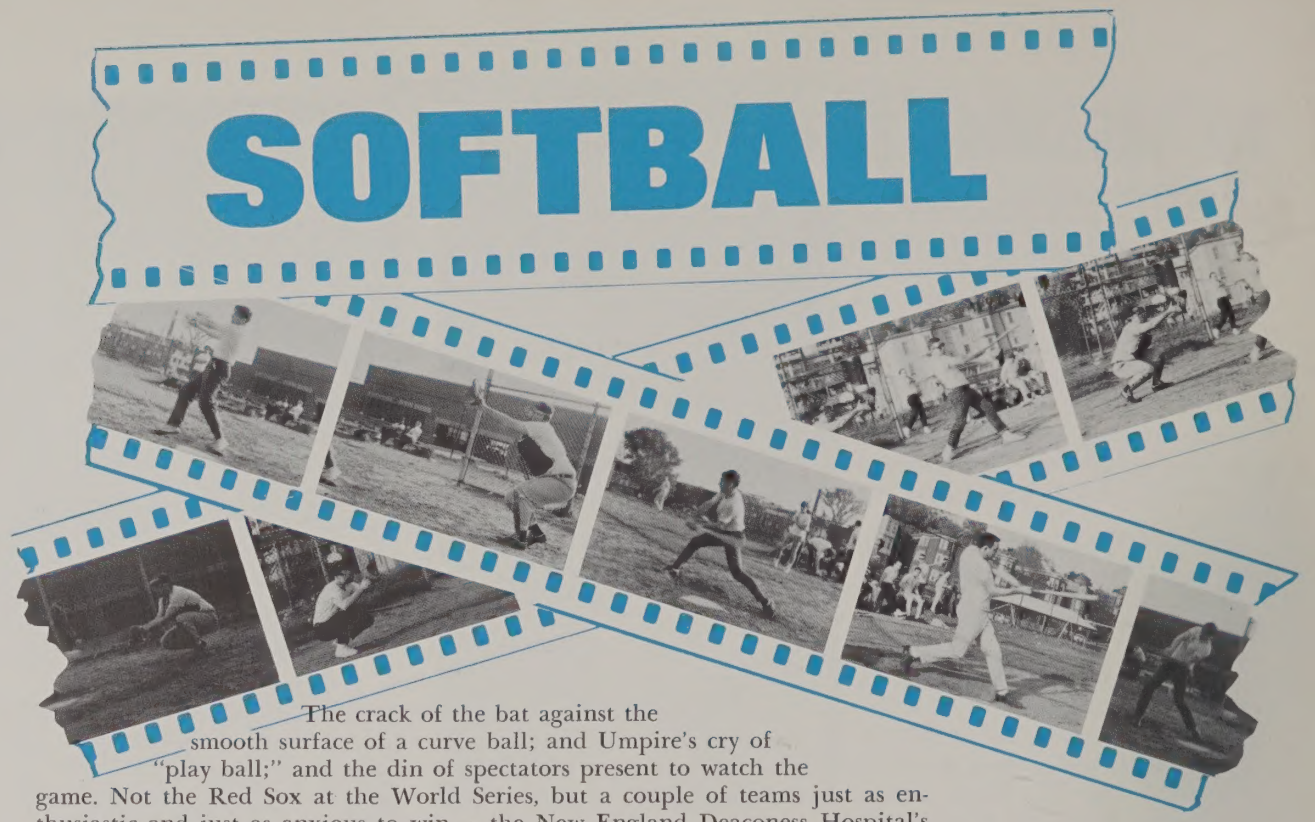
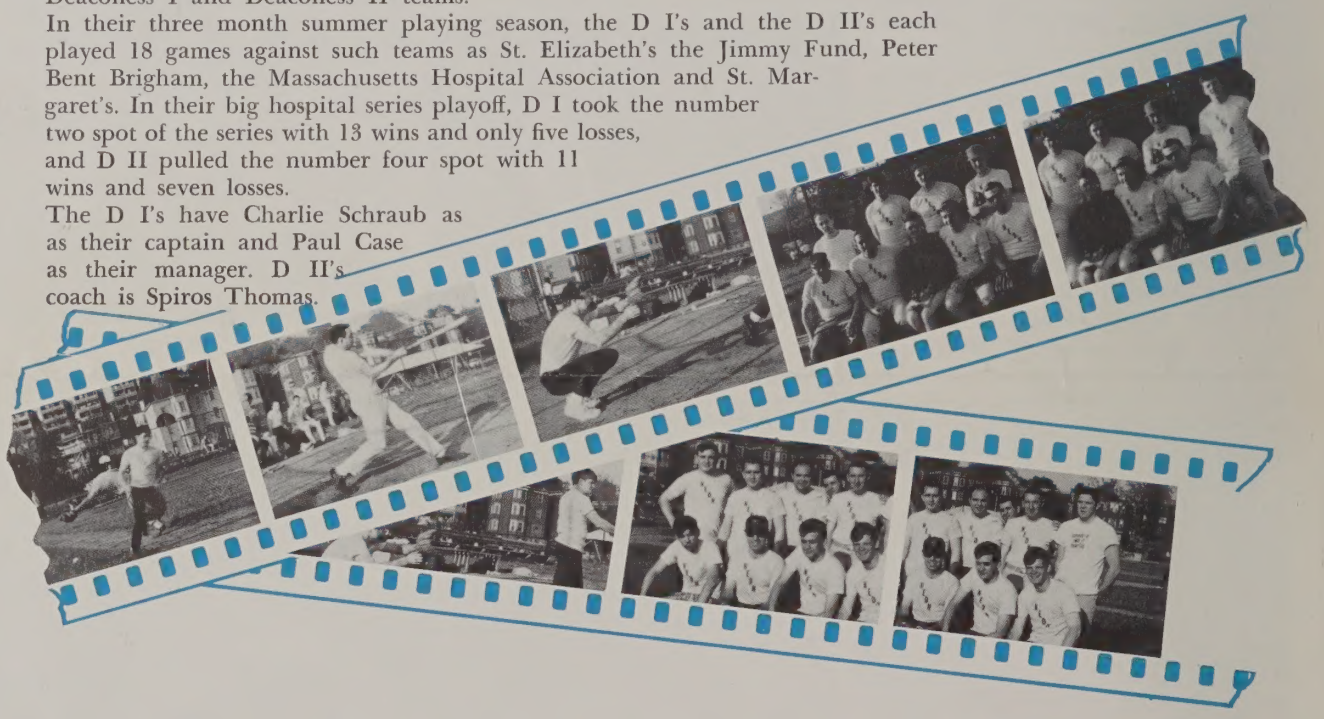


The crack of the bat against the smooth surface of a curve ball; and Umpire's cry of "play ball;" and the din of spectators present to watch the game. Not the Red Sox at the World Series, but a couple of teams just as enthusiastic and just as anxious to win — the New England Deaconess Hospital's Deaconess I and Deaconess II teams.

In their three month summer playing season, the D I's and the D II's each played 18 games against such teams as St. Elizabeth's the Jimmy Fund, Peter Bent Brigham, the Massachusetts Hospital Association and St. Margaret's. In their big hospital series playoff, D I took the number two spot of the series with 13 wins and only five losses, and D II pulled the number four spot with 11 wins and seven losses.

The D I's have Charlie Schraub as as their captain and Paul Case as their manager. D II's coach is Spiros Thomas.



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"We sure need a new wing."

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